

Senate Study Bill 1201

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing a planning group for restructuring or
2 consolidating the departments of human services and public
3 health and providing an effective date.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. PLANNING GROUP ESTABLISHED.
1 2 1. A planning group is established to gather information
1 3 and make recommendations for restructuring or consolidating
1 4 the department of human services and the Iowa department of
1 5 public health for the purpose of creating a more efficient,
1 6 effective, and results-oriented organizational structure. The
1 7 plan shall provide for the restructuring or consolidation
1 8 activities to commence immediately upon enactment of
1 9 authorizing legislation by the Eightieth General Assembly,
1 10 2004 Regular Session, and for the activities to be completed
1 11 by June 30, 2005. The plan may provide for any individual
1 12 unit of either department to be shifted to another appropriate
1 13 state agency rather than remaining within the current
1 14 administrative structure. Staff support for the planning
1 15 group shall be provided by the two departments. In addition,
1 16 the planning group shall solicit technical assistance and
1 17 grants from national organizations such as the council of
1 18 state governments and the national conference of state
1 19 legislatures and from foundations that support government
1 20 implementation of results-based approaches. The planning
1 21 group's report and plan shall be submitted to the governor and
1 22 general assembly on or before December 15, 2003.
1 23 2. The restructuring or consolidation plan shall be
1 24 designed to achieve the following goals:
1 25 a. Provide for more effective delivery of services to
1 26 service consumers.
1 27 b. Create financial efficiencies in administration of
1 28 programs.
1 29 c. Create more accountability.
1 30 3. The membership of the planning group shall be as
1 31 follows:
1 32 a. The directors of the two departments.
1 33 b. A member of the Iowa empowerment board appointed by
1 34 that board.
1 35 c. A member of the state board of health appointed by the
2 1 governor.
2 2 d. A member of the council on human services appointed by
2 3 the governor.
2 4 e. A representative of banking or another industry in this
2 5 state that has experienced significant reorganization or
2 6 restructuring, appointed by the legislative council.
2 7 f. The chief executive officer of a united way
2 8 organization located in Iowa appointed by the legislative
2 9 council.
2 10 g. The president of an Iowa resource center for nonprofit
2 11 organizations appointed by the state board of regents.
2 12 h. The president of the university of northern Iowa.
2 13 i. The president of the largest private employer in the
2 14 state or the president's designee, appointed by the
2 15 legislative council.
2 16 j. An individual retired as president of the state's
2 17 largest private health insurer who has served as mayor of
2 18 Iowa's largest city, designated by the governor to serve as
2 19 honorary chairperson.
2 20 k. A citizen appointed by the governor.
2 21 l. A certified public accountant nominated by the Iowa

2 22 society of public accountants and appointed by the auditor of
2 23 state.
2 24 m. A leader in county public health programs nominated by
2 25 the Iowa public health association and appointed by the
2 26 governor.
2 27 n. A leader in county human services programs nominated by
2 28 the Iowa state association of counties and appointed by the
2 29 governor.

2 30 o. Two members of the senate to serve as ex officio,
2 31 nonvoting members, with one member each appointed by the
2 32 majority leader and the minority leader of the senate.

2 33 p. Two members of the house of representatives to serve as
2 34 ex officio, nonvoting members, with one member each appointed
2 35 by the speaker of the house and the house minority leader.

3 1 q. An individual affiliated with a major university public
3 2 or business administration program appointed by the governor
3 3 to serve as chairperson.

3 4 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of
3 5 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

3 6 EXPLANATION

3 7 This bill establishes a planning group for restructuring or
3 8 consolidating the departments of human services and public
3 9 health. The group is directed to develop a plan for
3 10 submission to the governor and general assembly by December
3 11 15, 2003. The plan is to provide for the restructuring or
3 12 consolidation activities to commence effective upon enactment
3 13 of authorizing legislation during the 2004 Legislative Session
3 14 and for the activities to be completed by June 30, 2005.

3 15 The plan is to be designed to achieve certain goals
3 16 specified in the bill.

3 17 Various individuals affiliated with public and private
3 18 organizations in the state are to be appointed to the planning
3 19 group.

3 20 The bill takes effect upon enactment.

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